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## Prison Committee Reports

GEORGE BYRNE TRIUMPHS OVER SENATE—THE PROHIBITION AMENDMENT PASSED SECOND READING.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 19.—The prohibition amendment was passed to the second reading. Senator Meredith introduced a resolution that the State reimburse all property holders to the extent of their investments that would be financially affected should the people vote to do away with liquor. Senator Meredith reinforced his resolution with an eloquent address.

Senator Fred O. Blue opposed Meredith in an eloquent speech. Meredith's resolution was voted down by a vote of 23 to 7.

Senator Bate introduced a resolution similar to the Meredith resolution omitting the word manufacturer. This resolution was voted down by a vote of 20 to 10.

Senator Johnson introduced a resolution extending the time of the amendment to take effect to 1912. This was voted down by a vote of 20 to 10.

The prohibitionists are elated and claim that the vote on the Johnson resolution indicates the strength of the Senate on the amendment. The whiskey interests say the vote has no significance.

An attempt was made to make the prohibition amendment a special order this afternoon but it failed. The amendment will now take its regular course and will come up in three or four days.

George Byrne appeared before the Senate this morning and gave his answer why he would not disclose the information that the Senate wanted. Byrne's answer was typewritten and covered twelve pages of closely written matter. He went back into English history. He also quoted from a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States.

This decision is based upon the Kilgore-Thompson case. Kilgore was an Ohio man who was jailed for refusing to answer questions put to him by a committee of congress of which Thompson was chairman. After serving his term Kilgore sued Thompson for damages and recovered. The Supreme court held that the power to imprison for contempt was given only to the judicial branch of the government and not to the legislative branch. Courts only and not legislative bodies could take such action.

His answer was so complete that the senate will do nothing further in the matter.

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### Exchange.

The ladies of the Central Christian Church will hold an exchange in the window of Posten's grocery on Main street Saturday morning.

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## HOUNDS FOLLOW BURGLAR'S TRAIL

FITZHUGH STORE AT BRIDGEPORT BROKEN INTO AND CASH AND GOODS STOLEN.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Feb. 19.—Morrison's bloodhounds, of Moundsville, were put on the trail late Thursday afternoon of robbers who broke into the general merchandise store of N. L. Fitzhugh at Bridgeport, on Wednesday morning after midnight and stole cash and goods.

Entrance was gained into the store by cutting a hole through the back door and turning the key in the lock. The cash register was emptied of all the money it contained, which amounted to a little more than \$5. The thieves also took four or five pairs of shoes and a dozen flannel shirts.

The robbery was not disclosed until Thursday morning when the store was opened for the day's business. Not long after Morrison's bloodhounds were telephoned for. Two dogs arrived on the 3:42 o'clock train in the afternoon and were at once put on the trail.

### Coke Contract

WASHINGTON RUN CO. DISPOSES OF SIX MONTHS' SUPPLY AT GOOD PRICE.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 19.—The Washington Run Coal and Coke Company last week closed a contract for the delivery of 10,000 tons of coke per month for the Wisconsin Furnace Company. The price is said to have exceeded the open market quotations and the contract will extend six months.

Shipments of coke last week were 8,518 cars to Pittsburgh and points west, as against 8,506 the week preceding, a gain of 12. According to the report of George B. Irvin, secretary of the Independent Coke Producers' Association, 64.3 per cent. of the total number of ovens in the district were in operation, working five days, on an average, for the week. The firing of 50 ovens at the River plant of the H. C. Frick Company was the only indication of an advancement in the coke business.

### Spilled Dinner.

While dinner was being carried today to some of the folks at Jailer Davis' department from the Fountain Cafe, the waiter tripped on the walk in front of the Davis residence which caused him to drop the food to save himself from a fall, and consequently dinners came down and china was overturned. No international complications are looked for, however.

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## Seven Fatally Burned

EXPLOSION BLEW OUT SIDE OF BUILDING AND SET REST ABLAZE.

WHEELING, Feb. 19.—In a fire which destroyed a Slavish miner's home, following a powder explosion at the Lewis Findlay coal mine at Colliers, W. Va., yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rupkoski and their nine months old babe were burned to death. Four others were probably fatally burned and are lying at the Gill Hospital in Steubenville. The house was burned to the ground. A score or more had narrow escapes with their lives.

The dead:

MICHAEL RUPKOSKI.  
MRS. ANNIE RUPKOSKI.  
YOUNG CHILD of the Rupkoski's.  
These fatally burned:  
JOHN WILKOSKI.  
MRS. JOHN WILKOSKI.  
ISADORE KOSI.  
ANDY POLOK.

The house burned was a two-story double frame structure and it was occupied by a large number of the Slavish miners employed at the mine of the Lewis Findlay company. Mr. and Mrs. Rupkoski occupied one part of the house and kept several boarders. The other part of the house also was occupied by a large number of foreign miners.

About 7:30 o'clock when Mrs. Rupkoski was working about the kitchen she went to the cupboard and in some manner ignited a can of powder which was sitting on a shelf. The explosion which followed blew the whole side out of the house and set the entire structure ablaze. In an almost incredible space of time the whole house was a mass of flames and it was only a few minutes until it was burned to the ground.

In both sides of the house the foreign miners were asleep. In the excitement all had narrow escapes in getting out of the building with their lives. Miners occupying other houses hastened to the scene to aid in the rescue of those whose home was being eaten up by the flames. The rescuers were unable to get out Mr. and Mrs. Rupkoski and their little babe and the three were roasted to death. Several more were more or less seriously injured but the four who later were removed to the hospital were burned in a horrible manner about their bodies and will die.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkoski were the most seriously burned. All of their clothing was burned off and their hair was burned to the roots. Isadore Kosi and Andy Polok sustained severe burns over the entire portion of their bodies.

### Strike Goes On

MEN STATE THEY WILL HOLD OUT UNTIL FLAT SCALE IS SIGNED.

CLARKSBURG, Feb. 19.—Window glass workers here state that there is little probability of an end of the strike at an early date. It is maintained by them that they will hold out until the flat scale is signed. While there was a conference between two of the manufacturers and five workers yesterday, yet the same was not authorized by the workmen in general, they state, and as the result nothing is expected to be accomplished from the conference. It is stated that Robert Murphy is no longer chairman of the wage committee and that no action will be taken by him or the committee toward calling off the strike.

## CONFLICT WITH THE POLICE

SENSATIONAL CLASH WHEN LEADERS ATTEMPT TO REACH PREMIER WITH RESOLUTION.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Twice yesterday the suffragettes representing the Women's Freedom League, failed to reach Premier Asquith to present to him the resolution adopted by that body for a continuation of the militant propaganda for suffrage. Sixty or more "volunteers for dangerous duty" came into conflict with the police yesterday morning on Downing street, where squads of police, mounted and on foot, had been drawn up and the clash resulted in the rough handling of many women and the arrest of twenty-four of them.

Again last night, when the session of parliament was well under way, a contingent led by Mrs. Despard, attempted to gain access to the premier, but the police barred the way. The women refused to budge, insisting upon their right to enter the building. Finally Mrs. Despard and several of the others were placed under arrest. Together with sixteen of those who had been remanded at the Bow street police court late in the afternoon, Mrs. Despard and her companions-at-arms will be arraigned today.

Women Are Imprisoned.  
Eight women were fined yesterday, but they refused to pay the fines and were sent to prison for terms ranging from two weeks to a month. With the exception of Mrs. Despard, those prominent in the suffragist movement held themselves aloof, but as it is the expressed intention of the women to continue their campaign without intermission, the leaders are likely to be heard from at any moment. They declare that they will not yield in their determination to exhaust every means to compel the government to concede their demands.

### Baptist Program

MOVEMENT IS A NEW ONE ALONG THE LINES OF MISSIONARY MATTERS.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 19.—A State budget conference of the Northern Baptist Convention of the United States is being held in the First Baptist church here today. The following programme was observed:

10:00 a. m.—Devotional Services, Rev. W. J. Eddy.

10:30 a. m.—Essentials of Efficiency, Vision Harmony, Power—Rev. H. R. Chamberlain.

10:50 a. m.—Northern Baptist Convention and the Budget—Discussion led by the Rev. P. S. Henson, D. D.

2:00 p. m.—Devotional service—Rev. Thomas Anderson.

2:40 p. m.—Conference and Church Finance; Methods that Will Win—Led by the Rev. L. Call Baryse, D. D. Conference—What the Layman Wants and What the Layman Can Do—Led by the Rev. M. D. Eubank, D. D.

4:00 p. m.—Address—What the Sunday School Can Do—Rev. A. B. Withers.

7:30 p. m.—Devotional Service—Rev. J. W. Cammack.

7:50 p. m.—Address by the Rev. M. D. Eubank, M. D.; Rev. L. Call Barnes, D. D., and Rev. P. Henson, D. D.

Attending Baptist Missionary Contest at Clarksburg.

Mrs. W. J. Eddy and Dr. C. O. Henry are among the members of the Baptist congregation attending the Baptist Missionary Conference in Clarksburg today.

## Guests To Greet The Fleet

ADMIRAL SPERRY ACCEPTS BY WIRELESS, THE INVITATION TO NAVY LEAGUE DINNER.

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., Feb. 19.—The near approach of the battleship fleet and its escort signalled last night by wireless as less than 700 miles off the Virginia capes is reflected in the great crowds of visitors pouring into the hotels here.

The tender Yankton sailed yesterday for Washington, but the big armored cruisers North Carolina and Montana are still in the roadstead.

It is planned now to have the cruisers leave to-morrow morning to join the incoming squadrons.

The combined forces are expected to arrive at the southern drill grounds 50 miles off the Virginia capes, sometime on Saturday.

The dinner to be given by the Navy League at the Chamberlain on Monday evening, will be the first of the social functions in connection with the fleet's arrival. Many other entertainments are being planned for the fleet's stay.

A majority of the members of both branches of congress are expected to come down to witness the arrival and review the fleet.

### Norfolk in Gala Dress.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 19.—Norfolk is preparing an elaborate welcome for the fleet. Bunting is displayed everywhere and strings of electric lights festoon the principal downtown thoroughfares.

The city is rapidly filling with visitors and the hotels are already over-run with applications for accommodations during "fleet week."

Norfolk is the home station of practically half of the battleships in the fleet and even after the distribution from Hampton Roads begins the officers and enlisted men will continue.

### Sperry Accepts Invitation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Via wireless from Admiral Sperry, on board the battleship Connecticut, yesterday came the following, accepting the invitation to attend the dinner to be given by the Navy League as a welcome to the home-coming fleet:

"Admiral Sperry accepts with pleasure the invitation of the Navy League of the United States to the annual dinner of the league at the Hotel Chamberlain, February 22. Admiral Sperry will speak and request the committee to select the other two officers and would be grateful to be informed who are selected and the toast to which they will be expected to respond or the subject on which they will speak."

He names 65 officers, including himself, who will attend the dinner.

### Washington Birthday Shoot.

Fairmont Gun Club, Monday, Feb. 22, 1909. Shooting will commence promptly at 1 o'clock. Five regular events of 20 targets each commencing at 2:30 p. m. Medal shoot for Riheldaffer & Brownfield medal, 50 targets. Shells for sale on the grounds. Come and bring your friends.

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## STREET SITUATION CAUSES ALARM

NO ANNOUNCEMENT AS TO PROCEEDINGS OF PROLONGED CONFERENCE OF U. S. STEEL MEN.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The steel situation was the absorbing topic in financial and other business circles yesterday. This interest had been aroused by reports that the trade in steel had been disappointing, that independent manufacturers were cutting prices and getting what business there was and by the fact that the chief officers of the United States Steel corporation and the heads of that corporation's subsidiary companies held another conference yesterday, at which conditions and the situation were thoroughly discussed.

This meeting at which E. H. Gary, chairman, and W. E. Corey, president of the United States Steel corporation, were in attendance was held at the railroad club, and it was confidently believed that a statement would be forthcoming when the meeting was concluded.

This expectation, however, was doomed to disappointment, for at the adjournment of the prolonged discussion, Judge Gary announced that he would not have anything to say in regard to the conference, but that he would to-day "make a general statement that will fully and frankly set forth the general conditions of the trade."

Whether or not the steel corporation will decide from its determination to maintain prices made early last summer, when a similar condition of affairs existed in the trade, could not be definitely learned last night, but it is expected that the announcement to-day will deal particularly with the question of prices.

## INTERESTING PROGRAMME

COMMERCIAL STUDENTS DEBATING SOCIETY OF UNION BUSINESS COLLEGE HAD INTERESTING MEETING.

The members of the "Commercial Students Debating Society," all students of the Union Business College rendered quite an enjoyable programme last evening. The meeting was called to order by the president, and the minutes of the last meeting read by the secretary. Mr. Grover Powell gave quite an enjoyable little reading, as did Mr. Stanley Lemick. Miss Lillian recited a very pleasing selection, and then came the debate. The question was: "Resolved that the foreign emigration should be prohibited." Those on the affirmative side were: Robert Burns and Oscar Wilson, on the negative side, Clarence Thacker and Ralph Cummins, the negative side being victorious. All the debaters were well prepared for the debate, and there were several strong points discussed on both sides. After the debate Miss Ivette Merrifield read the "Commercial Gazette," which was very nicely gotten up. Miss Lucy Wisman read a composition on "Marion County." This ended the programme. The next will be on the 25th of this month.

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## Pistol Holster In Pocket of Dead Senator

STATE ATTEMPTS TO PROVE RUDE WAS PLAYED BY ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANTS.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 19.—Absence of some State witnesses and a desire on the part of the defense to arrange its plan of procedure caused an adjournment yesterday until Saturday in the Cooper-Sharpe trial for the murder of Former Senator E. W. Carmack. The State first announced that it rested its case in chief. When the defense asked until Saturday to prepare and the continuance was granted, Attorney General McGinnis announced that some missing witnesses would be here by that time and that he would offer their testimony. The State has satisfied itself with offering testimony to prove that Senator Carmack was slain by Robin J. and Duncan B. Cooper, that John Sharpe, when he heard the shots, knew they were without looking around and that prior to the killing, several conferences had been held. This, the State contends, lays the foundation for proof of conspiracy.

The State stops here and waits for the defense to offer its case. Attorney General McGinnis has subpoenaed 34 witnesses and has used scarcely a score. The others will be held in reserve for rebuttal. The defense has not issued a summons, but says its witnesses will be present without court process. By not issuing subpoenas, it prevents the State from knowing its witnesses names.

The only incident of yesterday's testimony was the State's attempt to prove, by implication that the pistol holster found in the dead Senator's overcoat pocket was put there by one of the attorneys for the defense when a few weeks ago he went to the morgue and tried on the overcoat. The witnesses testified it was not in the pocket when the senator was killed. It was found in the pocket by General Washington, of counsel for the defense when he tried on the overcoat.

### State Shoot

WILL BE HELD IN JUNE ON THE GROUND OF WETZEL GUN CLUB.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, Feb. 19.—Preparations are already being made for the big State shoot, which will be held on the grounds of the Wetzel Gun Club this year. Judging from present indications this will be the best shoot the West Virginia sportsmen's Association has had for many years.

The tournament has been registered with the international association for the 15th, 16th and 17th of June, and barring bad weather, the attendance will be large as this tournament is open to the amateur shooters of the world and copies of the programme will be mailed to every prominent shooter in the United States and Canada.

Heretofore it has been compulsory to shoot for the purse, and a number of the West Virginia shooters have not attended the big state event for that reason, but this year all amateurs who so desire may shoot for targets only and this will swell the attendance considerably.

Shooters and all others interested may obtain information and programme by writing to T. M. McIntire, secretary, New Martinsville, W. Va.

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